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SUBJECT: 'USES OF THE SEA' EXHIBIT OPENS

FOR: IOR/MEDIA REACTION; IBS/PF; VOA

1. RANGOON, SEPTEMBER 24 -- "USES OF THE SEA" EXHIBIT WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE OF RANGOON WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW TO THE PUBLIC AT THE DOME, INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE I, ON PROME ROAD, RANGOON.

2. THE EXHIBIT CONSISTS OF FOUR MAJOR SECTIONS (1) LAW OF THE SEA, (2) OCEAN ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, (3) OCEAN ENGINEERING, AND (4) OCEAN SCIENCE, AND COMPRISES MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PHOTO PANELS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TOGETHER WITH A LARGE SCALE MAP SHOWING MAJOR SHIPPING ROUTES, INTERNATIONAL CABLE LINES AND OFF SHORE DRILLING SITES AND A MODEL OF A DRILLING SHIP. THERE ARE OTHER MAPS SHOWING MAJOR OCEAN CURRENTS, FISHING JURISDICTION AND OCEAN GEOLOGY.

3. INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN U TIN MAUNG KYI OF THE LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITION SUPERVISOR COMMITTEE, SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE

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U HLA MAUNG AND MEMBERS, U THAN TUT, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF

CULTURAL DEPARTMENT, U KYAW, CHIEF OF U.N. DIVISION, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, MAJOR NE WIN, CENTRAL SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, AND U CHIT ZAW WAING, PRESS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HOME MINISTRY INSPECTED THE EXHIBIT THIS MORNING.

4. IT IS OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 4:30 P.M. BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BURMA EDWIN W. MARTIN. AMBASSADOR MARTIN MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY:

5. "I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMING YOU TO THIS USIS EXHIBIT ENTITLED "THE USES OF THE SEA." MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE IS COVERED BY WATER AND YET, UNTIL A FEW DECADES AGO, VERY LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT THE OCEAN DEPTHS. OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, INVESTIGATORS OF MANY NATIONS HAVE BEGUN TO EXPLORE THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF OUR PLANET. THIS EXHIBIT WILL SHOW YOU SOME OF THE DISCOVERIES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE COURSE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS AND THE TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS BEEN USED.

6. "THE EXHIBIT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS, EACH ONE DEALING WITH A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF OCEANOGRAPHY. THERE ARE MODELS, MAPS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND BOOKS TO ILLUSTRATE THESE TOPICS. EVERY NIGHT BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M., WE WILL SHOW FILMS OF NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

7. "WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND THIS EXHIBIT USEFUL AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE GREAT BENEFITS FOR MANKIND WHICH MAY BE GAINED FROM THE EXPLOITATION OF OCEAN RESOURCES.

8. "IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE RANGOON ARTS AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY FOR PERMITTING US THE USE OF THE DOME. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF HOLDING OUR EXHIBIT HERE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK READING AND BATES, A COMPANY NOW EXPLORING BURMA'S OCEAN FLOOR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA, FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXHIBIT.

9. "I NOW DECLARE THIS EXHIBIT OPEN." (END REMARKS)

10. PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PROFESSORS, LECTURERS AND TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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11. DURING THE EXHIBITION, FILMS AND AUDIO-VISUAL TAPES DEPICTING SUBJECTS IN THE FIELD OF OCEAN SCIENCE, OCEAN ENGINEERING AND OCEAN POLLUTION WILL BE SHOWN. FILMS WILL BE SCREENED DAILY FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

12. THE EXHIBIT WILL BE OPENED DAILY FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.,

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